

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**MAYOR:** Tonita Gurule-Giroñ

**COUNCILORS:** Barbara A. Casey  
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.  
Vincent Howell  
David L. Romero

**ALSO PRESENT:** Richard Trujillo – City Manager  
Casandra Fresquez – City Clerk  
H. Chico Gallegos – City Attorney  
Juan Montano – Sergeant At Arms

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Gurule-Giroñ called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Councilor Howell asked for a moment of silence and prayed for guidance for the entire nation.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

City Manager Richard Trujillo recommended moving Executive Session after Approval of Agenda.

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve the Agenda with the recommended change. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Gurule-Giroñ asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilor Howell made a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Gurule-Giroñ asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara A. Casey	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Councilor Howell made a motion to reconvene into Regular Session and advised that only personnel issues were discussed and no decisions were made. Councilor Casey and Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurule-Giroñ asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Lorenzo Flores briefly expressed his thoughts on several negative comments from the media and other individuals regarding the recent personnel actions taken by the City of Las Vegas and thanked the new administration and added that he supported them in all that they were doing so far.

Lindsey Valdez thanked the City of Las Vegas Administration, those who had been supportive and also the previous Administration for the opportunity to serve the community. Ms. Valdez spoke of the several projects that were taking place in the city and asked for the continued support of the Governing Body and also to the volunteers and other non-profit organizations throughout the City of Las Vegas.

Pam Abreu advised that she would not be speaking.

Bruce McAllister spoke briefly on recommending City progress updates on the website or newspaper and other information that could easily be obtained by the community.

Bob Wessely expressed his thoughts regarding the City's unhurried decisions on improvements to the water systems, public policy shifts regarding in-house or outside purchasing for projects. Mr. Wessely spoke of Administration subjects pertaining to the fifteen (15) minute lead time sign up for Public Input, placing Executive Session to the front end of the meeting and the setting of meetings during work-day hours, with hopes of them being remedied.

Georgina Ortega Angel with Casa de Cultura requested that she share or give her three (3) minutes to Lavinia Fenzi.

Mayor Gurule-Giron informed that if she chose to share or yield her time to Ms. Fenzi, she would have to accompany her, since Ms. Fenzi did not sign up.

Georgina Ortega Angel agreed to accompany Ms. Fenzi and spoke about her concerns regarding the broken relationships among several organizations and individuals throughout the City of Las Vegas. Ms. Ortega Angel suggested that these other entities read the Charter and practice more participation and stated that Casa de Cultura was "for the people".

Lavinia Fenzi advised that this was a great time and opportunity for the new Administration to move forward in developing an Economic Development Plan that would benefit the broad interests of the community.



Lalo Sanchez advised he was requesting that Public Input time be extended from 3 to 5 minutes; he spoke about concerns regarding customer service at the Transfer Station and brought up issues of the Las Vegas Police Department vehicles not being numbered in order to report officers who were breaking the law.

Cindy Collins with MainStreet de Las Vegas wanted to offer her gratitude to Lindsey Valdez for all that she had done to help MainStreet projects and also asked for continued support to see these projects come to fruition in order to improve the City of Las Vegas.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. Approval/Disapproval to remove Community Development Director, Lindsey Valdez.

City Manager Trujillo advised that as per the City of Las Vegas Municipal Charter, Article V, Officer, Directors and Employees, Section 5.07 Departments. D. Department directors are at-will employees who may be suspended or removed by the city manager, subject to approval by the Governing Body.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve to remove Community Development Director, Lindsey Valdez. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Gurule-Giroń asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	Abstained	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	Vincent Howell	No

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Councilor Howell stated that he had been struggling with this vote, and added that he felt it was important for the Governing Body to obtain detailed information regarding personnel information in order to have logic in voting.

Councilor Howell advised that as a businessman and a Councilor, in his opinion, Lindsey Valdez had made great attempts in making the community better and

hoped that collaboration could improve in order to move the community forward and added that he was saddened about Lindsey having to leave.

2. Approval/Disapproval to appoint Annette Velarde as Community Development Director.

City Manager Trujillo advised that as per the City of Las Vegas Municipal Charter, Article V, Officers, Directors and Employees, Section 5.07 Departments. C. The city manager shall appoint department directors, subject to approval by the Governing Body.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve to appoint Annette Velarde as Community Development Director. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Gurule-Giroñ asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	David L. Romero	No
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

3. Approval/Disapproval to appoint Maria Gilvarry as Utilities Director.

City Manager Trujillo advised as per the City of Las Vegas Municipal Charter, Article V, Directors and Employees, Section 5.07 Departments. C. The city manager shall appoint department directors, subject to approval by the Governing Body.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve to appoint Maria Gilvarry as Utilities Director. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurule-Giroñ asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.



4. Approval/Disapproval to appoint Veronica Gentry as Public Works Director.

City Manager Trujillo advised as per the City of Las Vegas Municipal Charter, Article V, Directors and Employees, Section 5.07 Departments. C. The city manager shall appoint department directors, subject to approval by the Governing Body.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve to appoint Veronica Gentry as Public Works Director. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurule-Giroñ asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

5. Approval/Disapproval to appoint Carmela Martinez as Housing Director.

City Manager Trujillo advised that as per the City of Las Vegas Municipal Charter, Article V, Officers, Directors and Employees, Section 5.07 Departments. C. The city manager shall appoint department directors, subject to approval by the Governing Body.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve to appoint Carmela Martinez as Housing Director. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurule-Giroñ asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Mayor Gurule-Giroñ congratulated the new Director appointees and added that they look forward to their leadership and moving the City forward.

**ADJOURN**

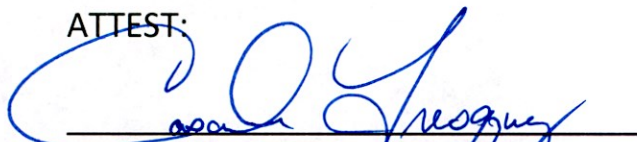
Councilor Casey made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Gurule-Giroñ asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

  
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Mayor Tonita Gurule-Giroñ

ATTEST:

  
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Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk